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SUBJECT: DEROGATORY PRESS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING DA MITRIONE

1. ALLEGATIONS THAT DAN MITRIONE INFLUENTIAL IN ADOPTION BY URUGAYIN POLICE OF VIOLENT REPRESSIVE METHODS, INCLUDING TORTURE, AND THAT THIS THE REASON FOR HIS DEATH ARE CONTAINED IN JORNAL DO BRASIL STORY TODAY FROM ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS IN MONTEVIDEO. ALLEGATIONS REPORTEDLY MADE BY ALEHANDRO OTERO, IDENTIFIED AS FORMER CHIEF INVESTIGATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE OF URUGUAYAN POLICE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF RELEVANT PASSAGES FROM JB ARTICLE: "QUOTE- ALEJANDRO OTERO, WELL KNOWN IN POLICE CIRCLES AND BY PUBLIC AS "HUNTER OF TUPAMAROS", REVEALED HE HAD EXPECTED MITRIONE'S DEATH, HAVING ANNOUNCED THIS PREDICTION TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS REPLACED. OTERO ALSO REVEALED, BASED ON HIS EXPERIENCE, THAT TUPAMAROS HAD THOUGHT OF ELIMINATING MITRIONE

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EVER SINCE MITRIONE STARTED TO ASSIST INFORMATION SERVICE AND TO RESORT TO VIOLENT METHODS OF REPRESSION WITH GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT, USING TORTURE.

3. OTERO ALSO SAID THAT VIOLENT METHODS WERE INITIATED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO AND THIS PROVOKED AN INCREASE IN TUPAMARO ACTION. OTERO STATED HE WAS REPLACED IN THE INFORMATION SERVICE BECAUSE HE HAD DISAGREED WITH DAN MITRIONE. END QUOTE.
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